Claims

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- 1. An antenna arrangement comprising a multiple throw switch arranged to couple one of one or more strip or microstrip lines to an antenna element.
- 2. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which the antenna arrangement comprises a load element capacitively coupled to the antenna element, the switch being connected to the load element.
- -10 3. An antenna arrangement comprising a load-element capacitively coupled to an antenna element, and a switch arranged to connect one of one or more strip or microstrip lines to the load element.
- 4 An antenna arrangement as claimed in claim 3, in which the switch is a multiple throw switch.
 - 5. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any of claims 2, 3 and 4, in which the load element is a patch.
- 20 6. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which the antenna element is a patch.
 - 7. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which the switch is connected to at least two or more strip or microstrip lines.
 - 8. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one throw of the switch is connected to a strip or microstrip line of substantially zero length.
- 9. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to the antenna element via the switch, provides a substantially open circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.

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- 10. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to a or the antenna element via the switch, provides a substantially short-circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.
- 11. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to a or the antenna element via the switch, provides an impedance between a short and an open circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.
- 12. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which at least one of the strip or microstrip lines is connected to ground at its end opposite to the switch
- 13. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which at least one of the strip or microstrip lines is insulated from ground at its end opposite to the switch
- 20 14. A radiotelephone including an antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim.



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- An antenna arrangement including: an antenna element;
- a load element capacitively coupled to the antenna element; and a frequency adjusting arrangement for tuning the antenna element, wherein the frequency adjusting arrangement comprises a switch arranged to connect one of one or more strip or microstrip lines to the load element.
- 2. An antenna arrangement as claimed in claim 1, in which the switch is a multiple throw switch.
 - 3. An antenna arrangement as claimed in either preceding claim, in which the load element is a patch.
 - 4. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which the antenna element is a patch.
- 5. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which the switch is connected to at least two or more strip or microstrip lines.
 - 6. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of two or more throws of the switch is connected to a strip or microstrip line of substantially zero length.
 - 7. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to the antenna element via the switch, provides a substantially open circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.
 - 8. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to the antenna element via the switch,



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provides a substantially short-circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.

- 9. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which one of the strip or microstrip lines, when coupled to the antenna element via the switch, provides an impedance between a short and an open circuit at an operating frequency of the antenna arrangement.
- 10. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which at least one of the strip or microstrip lines is connected to ground at its end opposite to the switch
 - 11. An antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim, in which at least one of the strip or microstrip lines is insulated from ground at its end opposite to the switch
 - 12. A radiotelephone including an antenna arrangement as claimed in any preceding claim.

